



**NOTTINGHAM
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Relevant Children and Young People's Plan (CYPP) priority:		
Safeguarding and supporting children and families: Children, young people and families will benefit from early and effective support and protection to empower them to overcome difficulties and provide a safe environment in which to thrive.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Promoting the health and wellbeing of babies, children and young people: From pregnancy and throughout life, babies, children, young people and families will be healthier, more emotionally resilient and better able to make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Supporting achievement and academic attainment: All children and young people will leave school with the best skills and qualifications they can achieve and will be ready for independence, work or further learning.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Empowering families to be strong and achieve economic wellbeing: More families will be empowered and able to deal with family issues and child poverty will be significantly reduced.		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
Update on activities of the Youth Cabinet and associated work under the Participation in Governance programme.		
Recommendations:		
1	The Board recognises the work done by the Youth Cabinet and associated participation forums in enabling and empowering children and young people to have a voice in decision making processes.	
2	Board partners use the Participation in Governance programme to engage with children and young people in order to involve them in decision making.	

1 BACKGROUND AND PROPOSALS

- 1.1 Traditionally Quarter 2 is relatively quiet on the engagement front with the summer holidays providing a natural lull in the regular participation programme before things pick up speed again with the start of the new school year (and engagement year) in September. However in spite of this Youth Cabinet members have been busy with both planning and activities in preparation for the months ahead. The following is a review of significant work undertaken by and through the Youth Cabinet in conjunction with the Engagement and Participation Lead:

Participation in Governance programme 2016-17

The Participation in Governance programme for academic year 2016-17 has been finalised and agreed by Portfolio Holders. The PiG programme provides opportunities for Children's Partnership Board partners to engage with children and young people in a variety of settings according to age and community of interest. Meetings take place through the three terms and each term has a different theme, linked to Early Help Play & Youth team themes:

- Autumn term: Learning and Earning – Education Work and Training
- Spring term: Safe Lives, Positive Neighbourhoods
- Summer term: Healthy, Creative You

Board partners are encouraged to use the PiG programme to plan and deliver engagement work to ensure involvement of children and young people in their decision making processes. The Engagement and Participation Lead is available to support partners with this.

Youth Cabinet Schools' Conference

In November the Youth Cabinet are hosting a special conference for secondary school students to explore views and experiences around the theme of transition. The Youth Cabinet Schools Conference takes place at the Council House on November 30th and will engage KS3 and KS4 students from across city secondaries to investigate positive and negative experiences of transition from primary to secondary and consider which interventions work to improve the transition process. Issues around transition from secondary to VIth form, college and work will also be considered. Findings and recommendations from the conference will be presented to the Education Improvement Board, which has commissioned the event.

Final European Science Parliament event

At the end of July six members of the Youth Cabinet joined 90 young people from across Europe for the 'Debate Science!' final parliament event in Manchester. Delegates took part in three days of workshops, debate and presentations on the theme of the 'Future Human' exploring a diverse range of topics including augmentation, synthetic biology, *in vitro* fertilisation and neurology, examining both the scientific and sociological implications of these subjects for the future of humankind. Motions from the final debate session in Manchester Town Hall were presented to members of the European Commissioning and MEPs including Julie Ward, North West of England MEP and co-founder of the European Parliament's inter-group on children's rights. A full report is due to be published and disseminated this autumn.

The Youth Cabinet delegates were Lottie Sawford, Chelsea Owen, Klaudia Cander, Tiarnan Giles, Emily Spray and Theresa Jennings, who also helped organise the delegation. The Manchester event followed on from the Nottingham Science Parliament event in February attended by 60 students from local city schools and colleges. While in Manchester the young people also attended European Science Open Forum 2016 event and took part in a 'science slam'. Nb. The Nottingham delegation acquitted themselves superbly throughout the event.

Improving Council career paths for young people

Youth Cabinet are currently working with the Council's HR team to look at how to attract more young people into the Council workforce, and help develop and retain those already in Council employment. Youth Cabinet members have supported the initial scoping of an engagement plan for this work and will support the delivery of workshops at the next Youth Council event on October 26th (venue tbc).

Nottingham in Parliament Day

Theresa Jennings, Tiarnan Giles and Dawnay Robinson will represent Nottingham young people at the forthcoming Nottingham in Parliament Day when they take part in a world café session on the theme of engaging young people in STEM. The group will host a table at the event, organised by the Science Council (an umbrella group for scientific societies, based at the University of Nottingham) and showcase the work of the Stemcity partnership, in particular the annual Festival of Science and Curiosity which is primarily aimed at children, young people and families and includes lots of hands-on STEM learning activities. The next festival takes place 8th - 15th February 2017.

Primary Parliament

A very successful series of Primary Parliament events in July saw 130 children from 34 city primaries engage in workshops activities, discussion and presentation around the theme of 'Healthy, Creative You'. Partners included the Healthy Schools Team, Opportunity Notts and Institute of Mental Health at UoN and one of the outcomes of the event was students developing ideas for projects to take back for further development at their schools. In Primary Parliament the focus is on developing understanding of issues through shared dialogue then encouraging and supporting children to create ideas and plan projects for positive change in their schools and local communities. The next round of Primary Parliament is in November (8th and 25th) when we will be exploring Learning and Earning – Education, Work and Training.

One Nottingham work

One Nottingham are currently working with Youth Cabinet to find out more about children and young people's aspirations and how the city can respond to the challenge of raising aspiration in all communities. Over the coming year work under the PiG programme will include enquiry into this theme and will be reported to the One Nottingham Board towards the end of the year.

2 RISKS

- 2.1 This work supports the Council Plan commitment to involve children and young people in decision making and the embedding of their voice in the Children and Young People's Plan.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 This work is supported by the Engagement and Participation budget of £15,000 per annum which covers the delivery of the core Participation in Governance programme and some additional bespoke engagement work with children, young people and families including work carried out for strategic commissioning purposes. The Engagement and Participation Lead actively seeks additional bespoke funding where available to support and enrich existing and new projects.

4 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None

5 CLIENT GROUP

- 5.1 All children and young people in Nottingham City.

6 IMPACT ON EQUALITIES ISSUES

- 6.1 The Participation in Governance programme offers opportunities to a diverse range of children and young people. Activities include engagement work targeted at young people with disabilities and special educational needs, Children in Care and young carers.

7 OUTCOMES AND PRIORITIES AFFECTED

- 7.1 All CYPP strategic priority and CYPP cross-cutting theme of Children and Young People's participation in decision making

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